MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rs. 2,780.

Grants to Reading Rooms and Libraries.

44. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle on which grants to reading rooms and libraries are regulated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The principles under which grants to reading rooms and libraries are sanctioned are embodied in G. O. No. E. 1304, dated the 25th April, 1917, and the rules issued thereunder. Copies* of the same are laid on the table.

Issue of Demand Notices.

45. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received "definite proposals" from the Land Revenue Commissioner on the subject of demand notices and the levy of notice fees, and, if so, will they be pleased to lay them on the table?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The proposals of the Land Revenue Commissioner have been received and the Government have issued orders thereon in G. O. Dis. No. 1084 of 1926/Revenue, dated the 21st July 1926, published at pages 1141-1142 of the Land Revenue Departmental sheet of the *Gazette* dated the 27th July 1926.

Issue of Demand Notices and Inspection of Pakuthi Cutcherries by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

46. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state which were the four *Pakuthi* Cutcherries inspected by the Land Revenue Commissioner in the year 1100?

(*b*) In view of the discussions that had taken place in the Legislative Council on the question of demand notices, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Land Revenue Commissioner found out how many of the demand notices served by these *pakuthi* staffs had been served direct on the parties concerned and how many otherwise?

(*c*) Do his notes of inspection of these *Pakuthi* Cutcherries contain any reference to the issue of demand notices and the manner of their service?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Land Revenue Commissioner inspected the *Pakuthi* Cutcherries of Bharanikavu, Angamali, K. D. H. P. Concession, and Pallivasal and Anakulam West during 1100.

(*b*) and (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Demand Notices issued in 1100 by the Trivandrum Tahsildar.

47. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of demand notices issued by the Trivandrum Tahsildar in 1100?

* *Vide* Appendices I A and I B—pages 80-83.

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[Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai.]

(*b*) How many of these had been served on the parties direct and how many otherwise?

(*c*) What is the average number of demand notices served by a *pakuthi* peon in the Trivandrum taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 19,366.

(*b*) The information can be gathered only if each notice is traced and examined. The Government do not consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the information is commensurate with the advantage to be gained.

(*c*) 380.

Inspection of Irrigation Tanks by the Trivandrum Tahsildar.

48. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of irrigation tanks and channels inspected by the Trivandrum Tahsildar in the year 1100;

(*b*) whether he has brought to the notice of the Government any circumstances that adversely affected the agricultural industry or the economic conditions of the people; and

(*c*) whether he noticed conversions of paddy lands into garden lands, and, if so, whether he enquired into the causes of the same and brought them to the notice of the Government and whether he did anything to remove these causes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Tahsildar of Trivandrum did not inspect any irrigation tank or channel in the taluk in 1100.

(*b*) and (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Touring work of the Dewan Peishkar, and the Tahsildar, Trivandrum.

49. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to furnish the names of places outside headquarters where the Tahsildar, Trivandrum, stayed more than a day in camp during 1100?

(*b*) Will they also furnish similar information in respect of the tour of the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, for the same period?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Katinamkulam and Kazhakuttam.

(*b*) Tovala, Cape Comorin, Nagercoil, Kuzitthura, Attingal and Varkala.

Percentage of Collection of Land Revenue.

50. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the percentage of collection of land revenue during the three years immediately preceding the year in which

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